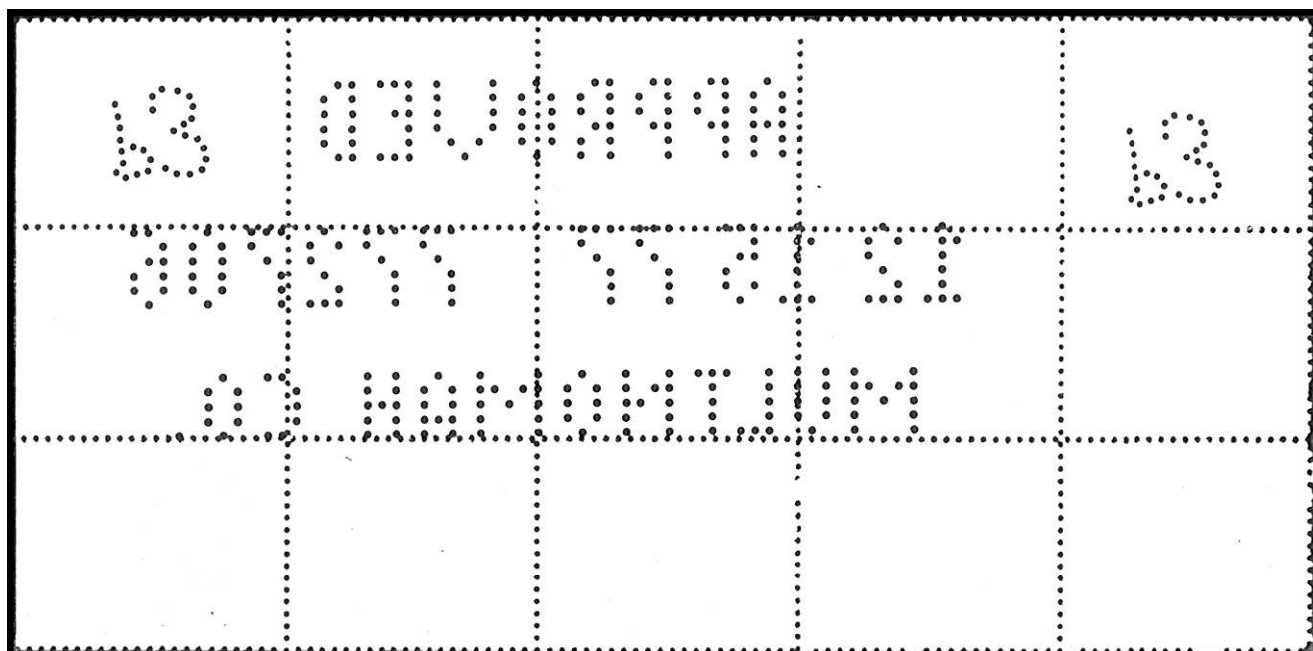

Perfinned Christmas Seals

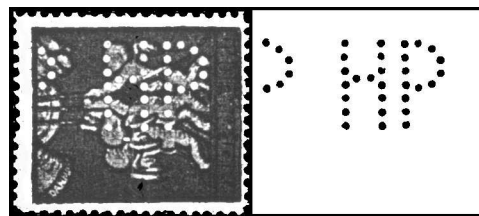
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Do Denmark and the United States lead in the number of Christmas Seal perfinns? Right now – yes.

One might expect owners of personal perforators to perfin other than postal stamps - such as Christmas seals. Ed Haack is one collector who did just that. I have his "Ed" (E 22.5 P) in a 1977 seal and would not be surprised if all of Ed's perfin types appear in Christmas seals several years running. The few other U.S. perfinned seals in my collection are not of the personal variety (see chart on next page). The U.S. and Denmark seals are about equal in number. Even

those Danish seals show evidence of company rather than personal perfinning. The lone French Christmas seal perfin was reported over ten years ago by Jim Estes. I am not aware of any further reports. No doubt many more Christmas seal perfinns from countries other than those listed are residing in collections here and abroad. Whether they prove to be personal or business perfinns is yet to be seen. And perhaps Denmark and the United States will lose their numero uno position when more reports are forthcoming.





Country	Year of Seal	Perfin Pattern	User	Location
United States	1933	Kodak?	-----	-----
	1939	B153 (BLC)	The Bankers Life Co.	Des Moines, IA
	1963	H76 (HF/M)	Henry F. Mitchell Co.	Philadelphia, PA
	1964	H76 (HF/M)	Henry F. Mitchell Co.	Philadelphia, PA
Denmark ¹	1904	C18 (C.F.K.)	Christian F. Kehlet	København
	1917	H54 (HP)	Holger Petersen	København
	1920	C57 (C.S.F.)	C. Schous Fabriker A/S	København
	1935	S45 M[S])	Sørensen, Madsen & Co	København
France ²	1928/29	B195 (B.V.R.)	Blais Mousseron Lucien Villeminot	Paris

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